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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Research and Development

FROM: R. W. Manners
Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

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1. This memorandum recommends termination of funding for the development of RUBRIC and RUBRIC-like programs on behalf of FBIS.

2. It appears clear from [] recent assessment of RUBRIC and off-the-shelf alternatives that additional development and funding will be required to bring the concept-based retrieval program to the point where it can be integrated into AFS. The alternatives presented to FBIS management by Logicon on 14 December would require 18 months to 2 years and [] to complete. Putting aside any questions about the success of that effort, there is also a major unanswered question as to how the integration of RUBRIC or similar programs would affect AFS performance.

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3. In light of the technical risks, uncertain future application, and higher funding priorities, it is difficult for FBIS to justify continued development of this program. This is a regretful decision, for FBIS and ORD have worked closely on RUBRIC for the past few years and we both have had high hopes for concept-based computer retrieval.

4. I would like to thank you and your staff for addressing FBIS' needs in this area. I would like to think that all our efforts have not been in vain and that we will be able to take advantage of the development efforts in the future as the technology and the AFS matures.

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